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## STATEMENT OF SENATOR BOB DOLE JANUARY 23, 1990

### TO PROVIDE A PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FOR THE EISENHOWER EXCHANGE FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAM, INC.

MR. PRESIDENT, I RISE TODAY TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE A PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FOR THE EISENHOWER EXCHANGE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM.

AS WE ENTER THE CENTENNIAL YEAR OF THE BIRTH OF PRESIDENT EISENHOWER, I AM PROUD TO PROPOSE THIS BILL, WHICH WILL HONOR OUR NATION'S 34TH PRESIDENT FOR HIS CHARACTER, COURAGE, AND PATRIOTISM, AND FOR HIS LEADERSHIP BASED ON MORAL INTEGRITY AND TRUST.

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER, THOUGH BORN IN TEXAS, GREW UP IN ABILENE, KANSAS. FOR TWO DECADES HIS CHARACTER AND BELIEFS WERE SHAPED BY HIS FAMILY AND THE ENVIRONMENT OF THIS CITY IN AMERICA'S HEARTLAND. HERE HE ATTENDED HIGH SCHOOL AND EXCELLED AS AN ATHLETE. IN ORDER TO HELP HIS FAMILY MEET EXPENSES, IKE WORKED IN A CREAMERY AND GREW AND SOLD VEGETABLES.

EISENHOWER'S INTEREST IN MILITARY HISTORY BEGAN WHEN HE WAS JUST A BOY. HIS MILITARY CAREER BEGAN AT WEST POINT, AND DIDN'T REACH ITS CLIMAX UNTIL HE BECAME COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES. IN 1952 HE WAS ELECTED THE 34TH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND WAS REELECTED IN 1956.

THE 1990 CENTENNIAL YEAR COULD EASILY BE SEEN AS AN EXERCISE IN NOSTALGIA, BUT IN FACT SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED AS MUCH MORE. IT SHOULD BE SEEN AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO REFLECT ON THE FORMER PRESIDENT'S LEGACY AND TO REALIZE THE ISSUES WE MUST CONFRONT IN THE 1990'S AND ON INTO THE NEXT CENTURY ARE DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE DECISIONS AND POLICIES OF DWIGHT EISENHOWER.

ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT LESSONS FROM IKE'S LEADERSHIP IS THE BELIEF IN THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF LIFE IN THE MODERN WORLD. HE KNEW, AND WE SHOULD ALL BE AWARE, THERE IS MUCH WE AS A NATION CAN GAIN FROM WORKING TOGETHER WITH OTHER NATIONS -- GAINS BOTH POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC IN NATURE. WORKING TOGETHER THOUGH, REQUIRES KEEPING SIGHT OF AMERICA'S INTERESTS -- IT DOES NOT MEAN COMPROMISING ON THE PRINCIPLES OF FREEDOM AND LIBERTY.

THERE IS A LOT OF TALK THESE DAYS ABOUT AMERICA'S RESPONSIBILITIES TO OTHER NATIONS -- AID IN ALL FORMS INCLUDING FOOD, SHELTER, AND AS ALWAYS DOLLARS. BUT UNDERNEATH THESE TANGIBLES, I THINK THERE IS SOMETHING MUCH MORE BASIC THAT MUST BE ADDRESSED -- OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS A NATION AND AS INDIVIDUALS TO DEVELOP AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE PEOPLE AND CULTURES FOUND IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

THE EISENHOWER EXCHANGE FELLOWSHIPS WAS ESTABLISHED FOR SUCH A PURPOSE. ESTABLISHED IN 1953, IT WAS THE FIRST EISENHOWER-NAMED ORGANIZATION IN PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S ADMINISTRATION. IKE ENVISIONED THIS PROGRAM AS A MEANS THROUGH WHICH THE NATIONAL INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES COULD BE FURTHERED, AND THE DIGNITY OF OTHER PEOPLES RECOGNIZED.

SINCE ITS FOUNDED, THE PROGRAM HAS SERVED TO INVITE RISING LEADERS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES FOR IN-DEPTH VISITS TO THE UNITED STATES, AND TO GIVE OUTSTANDING AMERICANS SIMILAR EXPOSURE TO OTHER COUNTRIES. IN 1953, PRESIDENT EISENHOWER HAILED THE NEW PROGRAM AS "SOMETHING THAT COULD WELL BECOME THE MOST MEANINGFUL THING THAT HAS HAPPENED IN OUR TIME."

EISENHOWER EXCHANGE FELLOWSHIPS ARE DEDICATED TO MUTUAL INFLUENCE THROUGH THE EXCHANGE OF PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE. PROMISING YOUNG LEADERS, BOTH FROM THE UNITED STATES AND OUR OVERSEAS NEIGHBORS, HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PREPARE FOR, AND ENHANCE THEIR OWN PROFESSIONAL CAREERS WHILE AT THE SAME TIME WORK TOWARD ADVANACEMENT OF PEACE THROUGH INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING.

THE PROGRAM HAS CLEARLY HELPED DEMONSTRATE EISENHOWER'S CONVICTION THAT WORLD PEACE COULD BEST BE ACHIEVED THROUGH FRIENDSHIPS BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS. THE ORGANIZATION HAS A GOOD TRACK RECORD: TWO FORMER FELLOWS HAVE BECOME HEADS OF STATE AND MORE THAN 100 HAVE BEEN CABINET APPOINTEES, SUPREME COURT JUDGES, AMBASSADORS, OR COLLEGE PRESIDENTS.

THUS, WITH THE CENTENNIAL YEAR OF DWIGHT EISENHOWER'S BIRTH UPON US, AND IN AN EFFORT TO PROVIDE A MEANINGFUL, AND LASTING COMMEMORATIVE WITH AN EYE TO THE FUTURE, I ASK MY COLLEAGUES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE AISLE TO JOIN ME IN SUPPORTING THE \$5 MILLION PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FOR THE EISENHOWER EXCHANGE FELLOWSHIPS. ADDITIONALLY, THIS BILL WILL MATCH THE FUNDS THE EISENHOWER EXCHANGE FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAM CAN RAISE FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR, UP TO AN ADDITIONAL \$2.5 MILLION, OVER THE NEXT FOUR YEARS.

MR. PRESIDENT, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE CLEAR TO MY COLLEAGUES THAT HALF OF THE MONEY PROVIDED FROM THE ENDOWMENT AS WELL AS FROM THE MATCHING FUNDS WILL BE USED FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF SENDING AMERICANS TO EMERGING EUROPEAN DEMOCRACIES, WHERE WE CLEARLY HAVE NATIONAL INTERESTS IN AND A NEED FOR DEVELOPING MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING.